

Good Day!

I am concerned about the environment once the service tax is implemented. As an environmental consultant for 18 years, I understand that funds for the environmental protection are limited. Instead of spending the limited money on saving or protecting the environment, 6% of the funds will now have to be collected as taxes. This 6% is significant and will take money away from protecting wetlands, critical dunes, drinking water etc. All very essential services. It will also effect toxic mold assessments in homes, asbestos removal, and safety training.

Recently, Georgia has had issues with providing fresh drinking water. We need every single dollar to help protect on of Michigan's most precious resources.

Another issue with the tax on environmental consultants is that it now put the MDEQ into a conflict of interest. It can now be perceived that any enforcement is a method to force companies or individuals into hiring an environmental consultant thereby increasing money to the state's income.

Please consider these points during the Nov 7 committee meeting and read them into the record if appropriate.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 269-325-2591.

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